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SUBJECT: UNEP: FRG COMMENTS ON TOPICS FOR INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS AND COMMENTS ON MAURICE STRONG' S VISIT
TO FRG

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1. SUMMARY: CONTENTS REFTEL CONVEYED TO FRG PRIOR TO EC
CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON MAY 17. FRG AND MAURICE STRONG
EXCHANGED VIEWS ON UNEP PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND. END SUMMARY.

2. CONTENTS OF REFTEL, INCLUDING GENERAL US POSITION,
CONVEYED TO FRG OFFICIALS IN FRG FONOFF AND MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR (MI). FRG OFFICIALS AGREED TO SUBMIT ANY
COMMENTS TO USG THROUGH UN REPRESENTATIVE. MI OFFICIAL
NOTED IT LIKELY THAT SUGGESTED TOPICS WOULD BE
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DISCUSSED AT MAY 17 EC CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

3. ON MAY 11, IN BONN, MAURICE STRONG ACCOMPANIED BY BERTOUD, A STAFF AIDE, AND A PRESS MAN, HELD A ONE AND A HALF HOR MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR HARTKOPF, MR, MENKE- GLEUCKERT (MI) AND AN FRG OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MINFIN). STRONG MET BRIEFLY WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR GENSCHER.

4. STRONG AND HARTKOPF EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE TWO STRONG PAPERS ON THE UNEP PROGRAM AND ITS ORIENTATION, AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ON FUND FINANCING. THE LONGEST PART OF THE MEETING INVOLVED TECHNICAL FINANCIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BERTHOUD AND MINFIN OFFICIAL CONCERNING THE FUND. FRG APPARENTLY REITERATED ITS PREVIOUS OFFER TO STRONG, CONTAINED IN A LETTER SENT BY FRG UN REPRESENTATIVE IN DECEMBER 1972, TO CONTRIBUTE DM 6 MILLION PER YEAR FOR TWO YEARS TO FUND. HOWEVER, FRG INDICATED INTENT IS TO MAINTAIN THIS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION FOR FIVE YEARS WITH INITIAL CONTRIBUTION IN 1974. IN ADDITION, FRG PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE. STRONG SAID HE WAS " OPEN- MINDED ABOUT THAT." THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING EXACT PRIORITIES WITHIN THE PROGRAM WAS NOT DISCUSSED ACCORDING TO MI OFFICIAL.

5. STRONG DEPARTED FOR WEEKEND MEETING IN SWEDEN WITH PRIME MINISTER PALME.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FRG OFFICIALS RETICENT TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF MEETING, THEIR COMMENTS INDICATE THE FRG HAD CLEARLY COMMUNICATED TO STRONG FRG' S CONCERN ABOUT THE FUND' S FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. END COMMENT.
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